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Urban District of Portslade-by-Sea.

Report of the Medical Officer of Health

for the Year 1962

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1962 compiled in accordance with the directions of the Ministry of Health but as in previous years I have included in this foreword some amplification of the figures and tables in the body of the report together with some comments upon local events.

Vital Statistics.

The Registrar General's estimate of population is 16,450, an increase of approximately 700 over the corresponding forecast for last year—approximately four per cent, which is double the annual prediction made as the result of the census figures for 1951 and 1961. The death rate remains stationery but the Birth Rate rose from 17.28 per 1,000 of the population to 19.39. The number of Infant Deaths was, however, doubled which had the effect of increasing the Infant Mortality Rate correspondingly, 14.49 to 27.86. An analysis of the causes of these deaths show however that only one of them could be said to have been due to causes outside Prematurity or congenital defects incompatible with life.

Infectious Diseases.

1962 showed a very welcome diminution in the cases of measles notified from 374 to 4 but otherwise the incidence of Infectious Diseases in general was very low. The total number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register is exactly the same as in 1961. In this connection the stationing of the Mass Radiography Unit every Monday morning at the Town Hall has certainly been a great help to General Practitioners and patients alike and this probably contributed to the early discovery of cases which otherwise might have been unrecognised for some time to come.

Immunisation.

During this year the transfer from the injection method of protection to the oral got under way but this mixture of methods makes comparison with previous years results very difficult.

There is however, evidence that as with other types of imunisation the virtual absence of cases throughout the country has produced a wave of apathy amongst parents generally and there is no longer any great enthusiasm to have their children vaccinated at the first possible opportunity. The other varieties of immunisation, i.e. against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus and Smallpox do not show the same falling off possibly because this can be carried out at the ordinary sessions of the Infant Welfare Centres whereas Poliomyelitis vaccination involves attendance at a special clinic.

Slum Clearance.

With the advent of the second five-year programme a second survey was made of properties falling within the category of unfit for habitation and in 1962, 21 houses were officially represented and orders were confirmed in a further 24.

General.

My thanks are as in all previous years, due to the Clerk and the Surveyor for their unfailing assistance and advice whenever it has been asked for and also particularly to the Public Health Inspector, Mr. Donald, whose co-operation and conscientious service at all times has relieved me of any anxiety about the ordinary routine of the public health service.

I am most appreciative of the support and encouragement I have received at all times from the members of the Public Health and Housing Committee.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

N. E. CHADWICK,

Medical Officer of Health.

VITAL STATISTICS 1962

Population : 16,650.

DEATHS :	Total	M	F
	182	93	89

Death Rate : 10.93 (Standard).
12.24 (Corrected).

Deaths from :

Measles (all ages)	Nil
Whooping Cough (all ages) ..	Nil
Diarrhoea (under 2 years) ..	Nil
Pneumonia	6
Cancer (all forms)	34

	Total	M	F
Live Births	323	174	149

Live Birth rate per 1000 population .. 19.39 (Standard)
19.77 (Corrected)

Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births : 5.26%

Stillbirths	—	—	—

Rate per 1000 Total live and stillbirths : 18.23

Total Live and Still Births ..	329	177	152
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)	9	7	2

Infant Mortality rate per 1000 live births 27.86

Infant Mortality Rates :

Total infant deaths per 1000 total live births ..	27.86
Legitimate infant deaths per 1000 Legitimate live births	26.14
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1000 Illegitimate live births	5.88
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1000 total live births)	18.57
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1000 total live births)	15.47
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1000 total live and still-births)	33.43

Maternal Mortality (inclusive abortion) :

Number of deaths	Nil
Rate per 1000 total live and still-births	Nil

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

Drainage.

The whole of the public roads in the district are sewered by gravitation on the water carriage system.

All houses in the District are connected to the public sewers with the following exceptions :

There are 9 houses served by cesspools, of these cesspools 3 do not, as regards the statutory distance, come within the requirements of the Act. During the year 1 house was connected to the Public Sewer and the cesspool filled in.

In addition there are 2 houses, situate in outlying parts of the District, provided with earth closets.

All sewerage is discharged into intercepting sewers which are under the control of the Portslade and Southwick Outfall Sewerage Board. Disposal is by means of Sea Outfall owned by the Board.

Public Health Inspector. The Public Health Inspector has prepared the following Annual Statement of his visits and notices :

Houses inspected for housing defects ..	477
Number of inspections made for the purpose.	1422
Houses inspected under Public Health Acts ..	309
Number of inspections made for that purpose	618
Number of complaints received.	163
Informal Notices served (P.H. & H. Act) ..	33
Houses found dirty or verminous ..	14
Houses with insufficient refuse bin ..	4

Defective and Choked Drains	74
Defective Closets	25
Defective Sinks	19
Defective Roofs and Gutters	128
Damp Walls and Ceilings	142
Defective Walls and Ceilings	283
Defective Floors	75
Defects to Windows, Doors, etc.	142
Defects to Grates	42
Defects to Chimneys	20
Defective Paving	28

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

The destruction of rats and mice has been successfully continued throughout the year, both in surface properties and in the Council's sewers.

During the year 135 infestations were dealt with on surface properties and two sewer treatments carried out.

The treatment is free to private properties but a small charge is made for business premises.

Eradication of Vermin.

During the year 14 houses were found to be in a dirty or verminous condition and of these, 4 were disinfested by spraying with insecticides.

This work has been carried out by the Council and the cost of materials has been charged to the Owner or Occupier.

HOUSING ACCOMODATION

Provided at December, 1962

Council Houses and Flats	877
Old Peoples Bungalows	33
Old Peoples Flats	68

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES.

1. *Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year*:

(1)	(*a*)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	477
	(*b*)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	1422
(2)		Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	27
(3)		Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	258

2. *Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices.*

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers 98

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply.

There is only 1 Farm in the District which is supplying Tuberculin Tested Milk.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955. Section 16.

There are 73 premises registered for the sale of Ice Cream and 10 premises registered for the preparation or manufacture of sausages, pickled or preserved food.

There were 25 inspections of registered premises throughout the year.

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1960.

During the year 64 inspections of food premises were made and in 3 of them infringements of the Regulations were found.

Notices were served in respect of the following items :—

Provision of First Aid Materials	3
Provision of Hot Water Supply	2
Provision of Wash Hand Basin	1
Display of Notices requiring persons to wash their hands after using sanitary convenience ..	3
Provision of towels, soap, etc.	1
Walls, ceilings, etc., requiring repair or decoration	1

Meat and Food Inspection.

There are no slaughterhouses in the District and most of the home killed meat is brought in from Brighton Abattoir.

The following foodstuffs were inspected and found to be unfit for human consumption.

13	stones of	Fish.
12	packets of	Chicken Pie.
3	,,	Steak and Kidney Pie.
4	,,	Turkey Pie.
4	,,	Crinkle Chips.
126	,,	Fish Cakes.
15	,,	Beefburgers.
3	,,	Fish and Chips.
16	,,	Steaklets.
3	,,	Dairy Cream Sponge.
1	,,	Eclairs.
8	,,	Puff Pastry.
25	,,	Mousse.
74	,,	Fish Steaks.
111	,,	Fish Fingers.
42	,,	Haddock.
12	,,	Cod.
66	,,	Steakettes.
202	cartons of	Ice Cream.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

Part 1 of the Act.

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspect'ns	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	23	5	—	—
Factories not included in above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	60	49	3	—
Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworkers Premises)	9	2	—	—
Total ..	92	56	3	—

Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars	No. of cases in which defects were found				
	Found	Remedied	Referred		No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) (a) insufficient	1	1	—	—	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	1	1	—	—	—
(c) not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	2	2	—	—	—

SLUM CLEARANCE.

Housing Act 1957.

Premises dealt with during 1962 :

Official Representation in respect of :—

Nos. 19 to 33 Wellington Road and No. 21 Camden Street.

,, 18 to 26 Park Crescent.

,, 5 and 7 Chapel Place.

,, 69 to 79 Wellington Road.

Orders Confirmed :—

Nos. 2 to 12 Camden Street.

,, 21 to 29 West Street.

,, 37 to 47 Wellington Road.

,, 18 to 26 Park Crescent.

,, 5 and 7 Chapel Place.

TUBERCULOSIS 1962.

	New Cases				Inward Transfers				Deaths				Other Removals				Cases on Register				
	Pul.		Non. Pul.		Pul.		Non. Pul.		Pul.		Non. Pul.		Pul.		Non. Pul.		Pul.		Non. Pul.		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Totals
Under 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1— 5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10—15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2
15—20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2
20—25	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	2	1	4
25—35	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	18	11	3	1	33
35—45	2	1	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	22	11	2	—	35
45—65	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	34	14	2	1	51
Over 65	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	2	—	2	11
Totals	3	2	—	—	7	1	—	—	2	1	—	—	3	6	—	1	83	40	10	5	138

INFECTIOUS DISEASE, 1962.

DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR.

Disease.	Total cases Notified.
Scarlet Fever	18
Whooping Cough	16
Measles	4
Dysentery	4
Pneumonia	11
Erysipelas	4
Food Poisoning	3

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.
1962.

	Children born in years :—							
	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	1953/57	1948/52	Total
A. Number of children who completed a full course of Primary Immunisation in the Authority's Area (including temporary residents) during the year	81	106	23	1	2	47	51	311
B. Number of children who received a secondary (reinforcing) injection (i.e. subsequently to primary immunisation at an earlier age) during the year	—	1	1	3	3	278	39	325

SMALLPOX VACCINATION.
1962.

Age at date of vaccination	I. Number of Persons Vaccinated (or re-Vaccinated During Period		II. Number of Cases Specially Reported During Period.		
	Number Vaccinated	Number re-Vaccinated	(a) Generalised Vaccinia	(b) Post-Vaccinal Encephalomyelitis	(c) Death from complications of vaccination other than (a) and (b)
Under 1	212	—	—	—	—
1	17	2	—	—	—
2 to 4	13	20	—	—	—
5 to 14	80	65	—	—	—
15 or over	71	382	—	—	—
Total	393	469	—	—	—

WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNISATION. 1962.

Number of children who have completed a primary course (normally 3 injections) of pertussis vaccine (singly or in combination) in the Authority's area during the year ended 31st December, 1962.

Year of birth.	Number of children.
1962	65
1961	82
1960	3
1959	1
1958	—
1953—1957	3
1948—1952	27
Total	181

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION
1962

Age Groups	Number of Persons who have received				
	Salk Vaccine		Oral Vaccine		
	1st injection only	2nd injection	1 dose only	2 doses only	Third dose
Children born in 1962	—	—	51	22	17
Children born in 1961	47	43	53	80	108
Children and Young persons born in years 1943-1960 ..	43	40	14	19	78
Young persons born in years 1933-1942	24	21	14	6	30
Others	31	25	24	7	84
Totals ..	145	129	156	134	317

Number of persons given third injections of Salk Vaccine, 278

Number of persons given fourth injections of Salk Vaccine, 5